

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 QUEBEC 00277 161504Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 INR-10 NSAE-00 DODE-00 /023 W
-----107510 161511Z /47

P 161300Z AUG 78
FM AMCONSUL QUEBEC
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1427
INFO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA PRIORITY
AMCONSUL MONTREAL
CINCLANTFLT NORFOLK VA
COMNAVSURFLANT NORFOLK VA
CINFO WASHDC
COMDESRON THREE FOUR NRF
AMCONSUL TORONTO

UNCLAS QUEBEC 0277

OTTAWA FOR USDAO

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MPOL, CA
SUBJECT: BLUEJACKETS WOW 'EM IN QUEBEC*

1. DESTROYER SQUADRON 34, NAVAL RESERVE FORCE, CONSISTING OF 3 DESTROYERS OF U.S. ATLANTIC FLEET (USS WILLIAM C. LAWE, USS DAVIS, AND USS ROBERT A. OWENS) MADE GOODWILL STOP IN QUEBEC CITY AUGUST 8-10 EN ROUTE TO GREAT LAKES. VISIT ATTRACTED GREAT DEAL OF PUBLIC ATTENTION LOCALLY, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF FACT THAT THIS WAS THE FIRST U.S. NAVAL VISIT TO QUEBEC IN MANY YEARS. WHEN FACED WITH BURGEONING DEMAND, ORIGINAL PLANS TO HAVE SHIPS OPEN FOR PUBLIC VISITS FOR ABOUT TWO HOURS PER DAY WERE SCRAPPED AND SHIPS WERE KEPT OPEN MANY ADDITIONAL HOURS TO ACCOMODATE FLOOD OF VISITORS. POST ESTIMATES SOME 8-10,000 QUEBECOIS VISITED THE SHIPS DURING THE TWO DAYS THEY WERE OPEN, THIS AT THE HEIGHT OF THE TRADITIONAL AUGUST HOLIDAYS IN QUEBEC.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 QUEBEC 00277 161504Z

2. PROTOCOL INCLUDED CALLS BY CONSUL GENERAL ACCOMPANIED BY SQUADRON COMMANDER, CAPT. DANIELS, ON LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF QUEBEC, LOCAL CANADIAN FORCES COMMANDER, MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS LOUIS O'NEILL (REPRESENTING PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT), AND ACTING MAYOR OF QUEBEC CITY. O'NEILL HOSTED LUNCH IN HONOR OF COMMODORE AND THE THREE SHIP CAPTAINS, ATTENDED BY, AMONG OTHERS, RENE LEVESQUE'S CHEF DE CABINET, JEAN-ROCH BOIVIN,

AND SPECIAL ADVISOR ON INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, YVES MICHAUD.
CONSULATE GENERAL AND COMMODORE HOSTED JOINT RECEPTION AT SHIPSIDE
FOR QUEBEC OFFICIALS AND CANADIAN MILITARY. ATTENDANCE WAS
EXCELLENT, WITH SOME 250 GUESTS ON HAND INCLUDING LT. GOVERNOR
AND SEVERAL MEMBERS OF LEVESQUE CABINET, SURPRISING GIVEN
THAT VIRTUALLY ALL MINISTERS AND SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS
ARE OUT OF TOWN AT THIS TIME OF YEAR.

3. ELECTRONIC MEDIA COVERAGE OF VISIT WAS HEAVY AND POSITIVE,
WITH CLIPS ON LOCAL TV NEWS SHOWS ON ALL THREE CHANNELS
(TWO FRENCH, ONE ENGLISH) AND FREQUENT REFERENCES TO VISIT
ON RADIO NEWS PROGRAMS. COVERAGE WAS UPBEAT, STRESSING SMART
APPEARANCE OF SHIPS, CREW;S WARM WELCOME BEING SHOWN
TO VISITORS, AND HUMAN INTEREST STORIES ON LARGE NUMBERS
OF VERY CONSPICUOUS U.S. SAILORS AROUND TOWN. ONLY MILD
DING CAME WHEN ONE TV JOURNALIST NOTED WITH SOME SURPRISE
ABSENCE OF ANY FRENCH-SPEAKING OFFICERS OR CREWMEN TO ASSIST
VISITORS. BOTH LOCAL NEWSPAPERS CONCENTRATED ON PHOTOGRAPHIC
SPREADS WITH LITTLE TEXT.

4. IN SUM, VISIT WAS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL
AND REINFORCED SUBSTANTIAL RESERVOIR OF LOCAL GOODWILL TOWARD
THE UNITED STATES AND ITS NAVY. THERE WAS NOT RPT NOT
A SINGLE UNFAVORABLE INCIDENT, A CONSIDERABLE ACHIEVEMENT
CONSIDERING THAT THERE WERE SOME 900 SEAMEN ON THE STREETS
OF OLD QUEBEC AT ONE TIME OR OTHER THROUGHOUT THE VISIT.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 QUEBEC 00277 161504Z

ON THE CONTRARY, THE APPEARANCE OF THE SHIPS AND THE CONDUCT OF
THE CREWS ATTRACTED A GREAT DEAL OF FAVORABLE COMMENT. I STRONGLY
RECOMMEND THAT SUCH NAVAL VISITS BE REPEATED, IF POSSIBLE,
ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO THIS PORT CITY WITH LONG AND SENTIMENTAL
NAUTICAL TRADITIONS.
MCNAMARA

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: SHIPS, MILITARY VISITS, WILLIAM C LAWE USS, DAVIS USS, ROBERT A OWENS USS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 aug 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 jan 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978QUEBEC00277
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780335-0483
Format: TEL
From: QUEBEC
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780859/aaaabwvu.tel
Line Count: 100
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 27f88662-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 29 mar 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 1722382
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: BLUEJACKETS WOW \EM IN QUEBEC*
TAGS: MPOL, CA, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/27f88662-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014